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Cinco de Mayo at SU



Laura Emmons/The Flyer

Students took time out from class on Thursday to celebrate Cinco de Mayo with food, music and a race on the inflatable obstacle course. D. J. Joey Kappa entertained the crowd with a mixture of Spanish and Latin music, coaxing students into impromptu tangos and salsas. The event was organized by the Spanish Club to familiarize students, staff and faculty with the Mexican regional holiday. Students declared the festivities a huge success. "My roommate and I stopped at the festival because we heard the music," freshman Daphni McRann said. "It was nice to see everyone having a good time, and the food was great!" A variety of Mexican cuisine was served including taco salad, Mexican rice, baked chicken, quesadillas and for dessert, Churros with chocolate dipping sauce. A beer garden was available for student over 21 to sample a variety of Mexican and American brews.

Anti-smoking grant given to students by SU Health Services

By Kristen Manion
Staff Writer

For the past few months of the Spring 2005 semester, two SU students have been the frontrunners of a new antismoking initiative on-campus, started by Health Services. Aubrey Eldon and Jamie Allen were recruited earlier this semester to be student educators against smoking on college campuses.

Recently, they received a grant from Campus Health Services through the Wicomico Health Department to aid them. The Wicomico Health Department has issued grants multiple times in the past few years. Though unsure of the exact amount of money awarded to them, Eldon and Allen are confident it will assist them in a great way.

Eldon and Allen are also responsible for bringing forth a petition to limit smoking within 20 ft. of all campus buildings, not just residence halls. "We have a lot of surveys of people saying they have to walk through clouds of smoke, and they really don't appreciate it," said Eldon.

Based on a number of surveys, the vast majority of SU students are largely opposed to the current smoking situation. Most students, they found, smoke right outside the education buildings, which causes non-smoking students to pass through the clouds of smoke.

"It becomes ridiculous when teachers have to open their windows and they smell this smoke," stated Allen. Second-hand smoke can be just as dangerous as actually inhaling the smoke directly from the cigarette.

"I think this is good just to reinforce that people need to stop smoking in general," said junior Adam

Dickerson, who also signed the petition. "It affects more than just students; it also affects teachers and visitors to campus."

Allen and Eldon answered the call for student educators and are employed by Jennifer Berkman of the Health Services. They have noticed that a lot of people complain about the smoking situation, and Berkman's main concern lies with raising awareness of serious health risks.

The petition was officially started March 31, which also marked the first day of campaigning. The petition's focus is to limit smoking from within 20 ft. of all buildings, and so far the petition has 281 signatures to date, with many more pending. Both Eldon and Allen sent a letter to the administration detailing their plan, and they have yet to hear a response.

For now, the girls are confident this initiative will produce positive results. Their ultimate goal is to have metal signs detailing "No Smoking Beyond This Point" to be set up outside buildings. They strongly believe it will work based upon evidence found with the student feedback. Even smokers can understand the concerns of non-smoking students. Overall, the petition has been well-received and is a topic of interest for many students. Allen and Eldon ask students to support this change that will make the campus a better and healthier place for all.

Campus Health Services has a Smoking Cessation Program for students interested in quitting the habit. The program includes support groups, as well as availability of patches and gum to curb the cravings for nicotine. For more information, visit Health Services in Holloway Hall.

PCSP participants recognized at honors convocation ceremony

By Leah Loch

News Editor

SU's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement's pilot Presidential Citizen Scholar Program has successfully ended for the year with participants feeling a sense of awareness toward the political community. Participants were acknowledged at SU's Honor Convocation last Friday at Holloway Hall, having previously received a presidential certificate of recognition.

Although any student can join PCSP, 25 students have completed the year-long civic engagement experience, which is geared for preparing students to become future community leaders. It offers students the opportunity to become engaged in the political life of the community and to develop habits of citizenship.

Participants have been acknowledged for their attendance to citizen workshops, civic engagement coursework completions, attending lectures, as well as volunteer work.

According to PACE managing

director, Pauline Gehrich, students like the camaraderie of the program. "They are helping to change how things are being done as well as the emphasis beyond service learning," she said. Participants have the choice in political engagement on-campus or off-campus. "Students can get involved in things they care about."

Volunteer organizations participants have chosen so far include the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, Maryland Student Legislature, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, SU-Big Event and discussion groups. Internships include law and senate offices, and the Daily Times. Research projects include Salisbury Recycling and independent studies. Majors and minors include Psychology, Philosophy, Political Science, English, Communication Arts, Environmental Health Science, History and Spanish. Altogether, there are 28 volunteer organizations, 11 internships, 4 projects and 17 majors and minors.

PACE's co-director and Political

Science professor, Harry Basehart, encourages students who are interested in the law and how it works to join the program.

"In the long term, I hope students can make the connection, gain a community service interest, and a political side of the community life," he said, and "not just stop at volunteering, because it's also political." Students are also encouraged to vote, run for office, become candidates and organize community goals through the political system.

There are three requirements for the program, including 20 hours of volunteer work for the year, attending three out of six civil-oriented events, three hour academic credits or two one-credit experiences, and a three credit internship or an independent study. Students are also to write reflection essays.

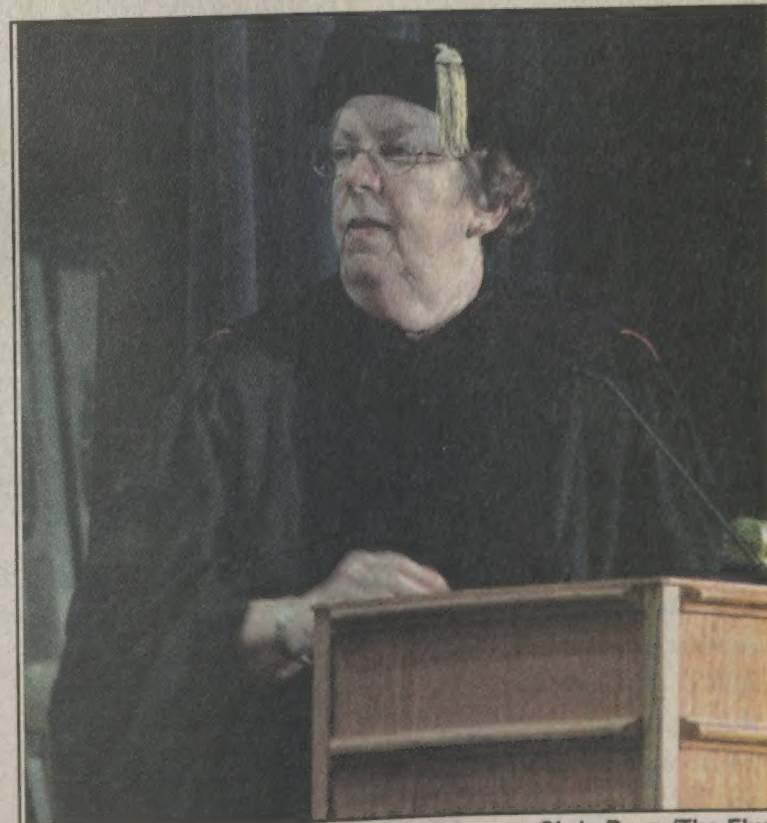
Participant Sandra Stoner, who majors in Sociology, minors in German as well as Ethnic & Intercultural Studies, joined PCSP because it offered her a chance to get more involved politically on SU's campus. "I was invited to meet guest

speakers and have lunches with Senators from Maryland and Delaware. I was able to actually hear first-hand what our political leaders have to say and form my own opinions of them instead of reading their comments from a second source," she said.

Stoner encourages other students to look into the program. "It offers a great opportunity to not only become more involved in the community, but also meet politicians and other leaders," she said.

Gehrich said the program is "different" and "exciting." Students get a chance to "interact with the community" and are recognized for their citizenship formally through the Honor's Convocation and a certificate, as well as the lifetime experiences they learn by participating in the program.

The PCSP is starting a new group for next year. All students are encouraged to join. For more information, contact Pauline Gehrich at 410-677-5045 or go to the PACE building located at 1101 Camden Ave.



Chris Baum/The Flyer

Carol Williamson recognized students who had achieved dean's list, and those who were inducted into honor societies this past semester during Friday's Honors Convocation. Dr. Williamson, currently Vice President of Student Affairs, is retiring at the end of this semester.



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APPLICATION FOR OFFERED SCHOLARSHIP. The Student Government Association will be taking applications for the first annual Well Rounded Student Leader Scholarship. Applications are available in the Student Activities office, GUC125, and are due by Tuesday. The awards will be presented to the recipients at the Celebration of University Leadership Ceremony. The CUL event will be held on May 11 in the Wicomico Room beginning at 6 p.m. This award is presented to those students who have exhibited outstanding leadership skills in campus life and the surrounding campus community. All full time students are eligible to apply except graduating seniors. The award will apply to Fall 2005 tuition. For more information, call Student Government Association at 8-4757.

MUSEUM TO PRESENT EXHIBIT. SU's Ward Museum of Wildlife Art will present an exhibit in the LaMay Gallery of bronze sculptures, created by father-son team William H. and David H. Turner until July 31. The team have been designing and casting wildlife sculptures in bronze since 1983. They have created more than 300 different limited edition bronzes and more than 50 large public commissions. An opening reception and lecture is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 20. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call Lora Bottinelli at 410-742-4988, ext. 111.

WIND ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM. The annual spring concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, in Holloway Hall Auditorium. There will be a variety of musical styles, including performances of traditional concert band selections and marches. Sponsored by the Department of Music, the concert is free and the public is cordially invited. For more information call 410-543-6385.

SENIOR ART SHOW DISPLAYED. Artwork from the Class of 2005 is displayed Friday through Saturday until May 14 in the University Gallery of Fulton Hall during the 32nd annual Spring Senior Art Exhibition. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. on weekends. Admission is free and the public is invited.

To submit an event to the news briefs section please e-mail press releases to flyernews@salisbury.edu. Thank you.

The Man on the Stage: May 2005 commencement speaker decided

By Erica Tisdale

John Heath was recently elected to speak at the 2005 commencement ceremony for the Pendue School of Business and the Salsbury School of Education and Professional Studies. After spending five years at Salisbury University, Heath will be graduating this May with a B.S. in Information Systems Management and Business Management, as well as a B.A. in French.

Seniors who were interested in

speaking at graduation submitted speeches to the Commencement Committee for review. After the applicants were narrowed down to eight finalists, Heath, along with Janet Keener, was selected as the speaker for this year's commencement ceremony.

Heath is a staff writer, the webmaster, and the former Features editor for The Flyer. His weekly column "Campus Heroes" has been appearing in the paper for the past year and a half. He describes his

time at Salisbury as "five of the best years of my life." Along with having three majors and maintaining a 4.0 GPA, Heath also studied international business in Grenoble, France in the spring semester of his junior year.

After college, Heath will be working for KPMG, an accounting firm in D.C. He will be married in June and is looking to relocate somewhere outside of D.C. with his fiancée and his daughter, Riley, who was born last May. "It is still a challenge to

balance being a father and a student," Heath said, but describes his daughter as "an incredible life-changing bundle of joy."

Heath attributes his success in college to "family and friend support as well as an ability to effectively balance school work and a social life." He is honored to have the chance to address his peers and plans to speak on the importance of questioning, continual learning, and activism as well as growth and change through the college experience.

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Crime beat

4/24/05
3:00 PM.

Theft

A resident of Pocomoke Hall reported that a bike was stolen from the bike rack outside of Pocomoke Hall. The lock may not have been properly secured.

4/27/05
2:12 AM.

Assault, Obstructing and Hindering

Two students were involved in an argument that turned into a physical confrontation. There were no injuries. One student gave false identification until the investigation revealed his true identity. Administrative action is pending.

4/26/05
5:00 PM.

Theft

Two 3' mini goals and a 5' mini goal were stolen from the men's soccer field. The goals are made of white plastic pipe.

4/27/05
4:15 PM.

Hit & Run

A student reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in the Caruthers lot. The damage was to the rear bumper.

4/28/05
1:05 PM.

Vandalism

The computer cabinet to the "smart cart" was damaged by an unknown person.

4/29/05
10:30 AM.

Theft/Vandalism

A vehicle was broken into while parked in the Devilbiss lot. Personal items were stolen and the side window was damaged.

4/28/05
10:00 PM.

Vandalism

A resident of Chester Hall reported vandalism to personal property in a room in Chester Hall.

4/30/05
2:48 AM.

Theft

Three students were observed walking through the underpass carrying a sign. Investigation revealed that the sign had been removed from the railroad tracks. Administrative action is pending.

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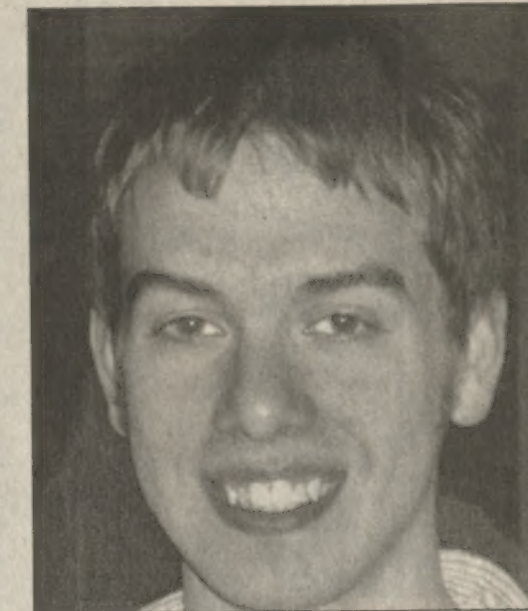
Overheard



Doing study abroad in South Africa.
- Rosemary Muliokela, sophomore



Not being in school.
- Heraa Mirza, freshman



Being able to stay in bed through this cold May weather.
- Zach Jebbonski, freshman



The thought of summer horrifies me.
- Charles Bloom, senior

By Abby Smith, Staff Writer

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Editorial

What are you looking forward to the most about summer vacation?

SOAP semester summary

By Jessica Geesaman
Staff Writer

The semester is coming to an end and everyone is trying to mentally photo-album all their enjoyable memories. Unless they have an affinity for wildflower art, many students' clips of amusement are courtesy of SOAP.

Up to their usual antics this semester, the Student Organization for Activity Planning brought out students and brought in comedians, guest speakers, bands, celebrities on film and special trips.

The Wicomico room played host to many a funny man this spring. Comics like Tony Woods got paid to make students forget about exams and studying and instead grip their sides in laughter. SOAP also hosted Open Mic Night, for anyone with enough moxy to perform on stage. That night the Gull's Nest was packed with an eager audience.

"I really wanted to see the guy that was on Last Comic Standing, but I never made it out to see him. I had something else to do. That's the only one I've seen advertised as well. If there have been any other comedians, I haven't seen the advertisements for them," says Ryan Grove.

From comedians to crooners,

SOAP tried to rock SU. This semester saw guitars and microphones, but no big names. Several smaller concerns on campus, and even Field Day across the street featured bands many students hadn't heard of.

"I liked it better at the shorebirds stadium - it was cool how many people showed up at this one, but the past two years the ones who showed up were the ones who were primarily interested in seeing the bands," says Michele Aymold.

But the change of venue and lesser-known bands wasn't a disaster. "The crowd was crazy. The band 'The Starting Line' was kicking," says Aymold.

SU students partied hard in true Salisbury style for Field Day and, in contrast, chilled in dark quiet theaters for the many on-campus movies. SOAP showcased a bevy of films in Caruthers and Fulton this semester. From comedies to dramas, "Meet The Fockers" to "Ray," there was always something new and free to watch.

"With my hectic schedule, I wasn't able to always go, but I wanted to. I liked the selection they offered. It was a nice variety, not just the same type of movies repeated over and over," says Caitlin Reinhardt.

And when the student-run organization wasn't entertaining kids on-campus, they were busying them to events and locales near and far. Students had the chance to shop in NYC, watch cherry blossoms fall in DC, and see the O's play ball at Camden Yards. And that was just a few of the offered trips. Everyone knows Salisbury is not the most exciting town and sometimes a getaway weekend is just what a student needs.

"I've been on several SOAP trips and they were all awesome. I especially like how they always give you snacks or something that is related to the trip, like on the trip to the Aquarium they gave us Shark fruit snacks and Whale Cheese Crackers," says Jessica Fry.

This spring SOAP tried to keep students out of their dorms and involved in campus life, by supplying SU with a long list of events to attend. But it's not quite over yet. On 12 expect a surprise party. The organization is hosting a giant water fest on campus. Leave it to SOAP to not let a week go by without something fun to do.



Ben Bailey was one of many comedians that S.O.A.P. booked during the Spring 2005 semester.



Shown here is the band Halfway Broken's lead vocalist Mike Coomes and bass player Marty Kramer during their performance at the April Fools Day Concert on the front lawn of Henson Science Hall.

Real Campus Heroes Vol. 3 Pt. 13 Mr. Campus Heroes Writer Guy

By: John A. Heath
Staff Writer

Today we salute you, Mr. Campus Heroes Writer Guy. After three semesters of weekly saluting and satirizing interesting personalities on campus, your stint of innocuous commentary has come to a conclusion. While it would be a fruitless search to look for someone so out of touch with campus reality as you, one cannot deny your ability to make up some of the most fictitious and boring drivel ever read in an SU publication.

No more shall you stalk the campus sidewalks and hide behind trees as you search for your next topic. Gone are the days of begging friends to give you ideas of what person to next salute. No longer shall you sit in front of a computer racking your brain for new material and fresh ways to mock, only to reach an unsatisfactory conclusion. It is time for you to move on and leave the newspaper to a future without your clichéd victimisms.

It is a bittersweet departure as Merriam Webster's dictionary and thesaurus will miss your constant perusing of its pages and Microsoft Word's synonym function will cease to be of use to you after retiring from a not-so-prolific stint as Campus Heroes writer.

Everyone you saluted possessed a chunk of yourself as you routinely interjected your own foibles and oddities into the hero of the week. Who would be a better target for your attacks than people possessing aspects of your own personality? From Walk of Shame Girl to Sensitive Guitar Guy, Skinny Guy in the Weight Room to Group Work Nazi Girl, 8 a.m. Class Clubber Girl to Post-Election Liberal Girl, IT Help Desk Guy to Ultimate Frisbee Girl, every hero contained a personal nuance of yourself.

Even though the joke died a long time ago, you pressed on as any overachiever would and beat this column to a squishy mere whimper of social satire in comparison to the arguably readable critiques of Volume 1. It has been two semesters since you bid adieu to your beloved co-writers, Matt Dewhurst and Constance Menah, but their departures stopped you not. Who cares if your column hasn't been the least bit funny since Dewey's last contribution circa the spring of 2004, you are to be applauded for your donkey-like obstinacy to continue until the bitter end.

But, do not consider this conclusion as bitter as some might suggest, for now there will be more space in the Flyer for another, more amusing

and witty replacement. We thank you for finally calling it a day and throwing in the towel. No longer will we subject ourselves to clichés akin to those within the previous sentence. Beyond that, we can breathe a sigh of immeasurable relief as you are prevented from honoring other heroes such as Video Game Dork Guy, Star Wars Fan Guy, Commons Student Worker Girl, God's Gift to Women Guy, All-American Athlete Guy, Martial Arts Guy, Intramural Referee Girl, and On-Campus Club Socialite Guy, among others.

You are to be congratulated for making it through these three semesters without having been violently accosted by those who inspired your weekly writings. Against the greatest odds, you will leave campus with no Campus Heroes related injuries. And so, take a much deserved indefinite break from the heckling, faux-sincerity and camouflaged sarcasm, Mr. Campus Heroes Writer Guy, as this is your last piece of writing to ever be read (or ignored) in the Flyer. Stand up and bow, grinning and bearing it as each hero has done, because we finally made fun of you. And if it pleases you and the hour is right, go ahead and enjoy a Miller Lite on us.



Gutoskey named new Director of Housing

By Kevin Banks

Staff Writer
Dave Gutoskey was recently appointed as Director of Housing and Residence Life after a nation-wide search for candidates. He has strong ties within and outside of the community and has brought much of his experience to Salisbury University. Gutoskey is also an active volunteer in the Wicomico County community with many organizations.

So you were recently appointed the Director of Housing, how was that done?

It was done under a National Search and I was a candidate. I am also the President of MACUHO which stands for Mid-Atlantic College and University House Officers. I feel that a big part of it is being involved and connected.

How long have you had this job and when does it come into effect?

It was offered to me about a week ago on April 20, I accepted on the 21st and since then I have been the Director of Housing and Residence Life.

How do you feel about being promoted to this position?

Oh, I'm very excited; this is a really special place to me at SU. My family has settled in here and I believe I'm professionally ready for this. I have had a great time but I believe, in my career, I was ready for a new position.

How long have you worked at Salisbury University?

I have worked here at Salisbury University for about 11

years. It's been great here at SU and I've enjoyed myself. I have been in the Housing department for 18 years, a total of housing at three institutions including this one. So I'm bringing some experience with me. My professional passion is working with college-age students.

How are you prepared to take on your new responsibilities?

I think it will be more stressful, but there are great things on the horizon. I'll be working with new and upcoming programs, communities and students. There hasn't been a day, where I'm like, "Uh I have to go to work." Mostly I enjoy working with the people.

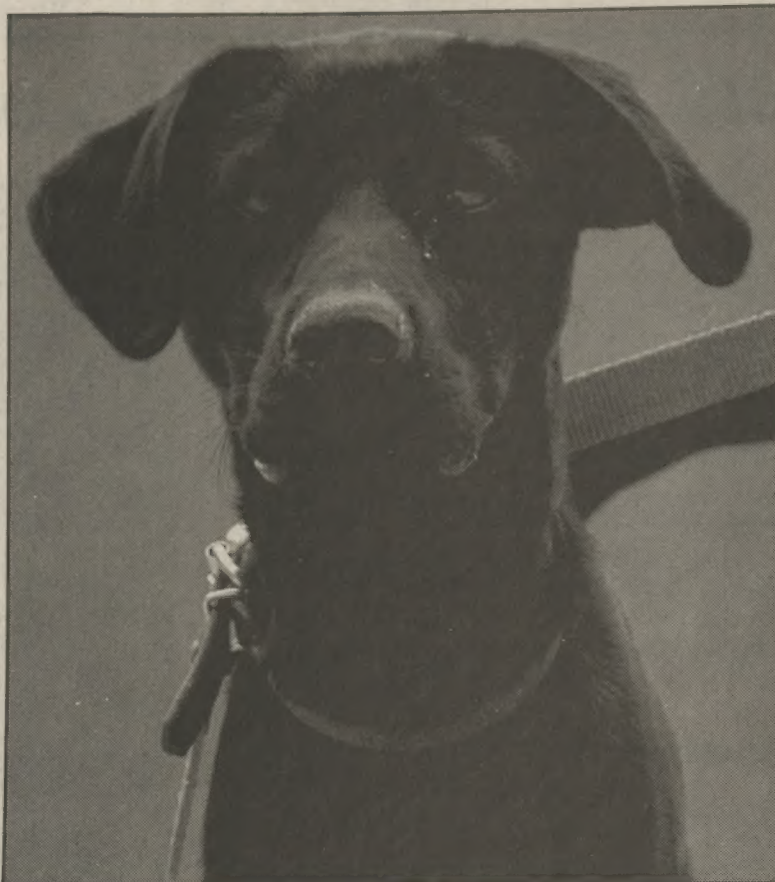
Are there any improvements you wish to make with this position?

One of my goals is to host upcoming conferences here, on a national basis, so that more people will experience Salisbury University. This is a great school to work for and by doing this, more people will be exposed and more inclined to apply for a job here. It will take some time, but it is still a goal of mine.

How do you feel about diversity?

I feel very strongly about diversity here; we as a faculty here do. When I came here, there was only one employee of color here in the department, now there are 15. If we're going to talk about it, we're going to have to be about it. We've worked real hard together and as much as we love our jobs, we love diversity.

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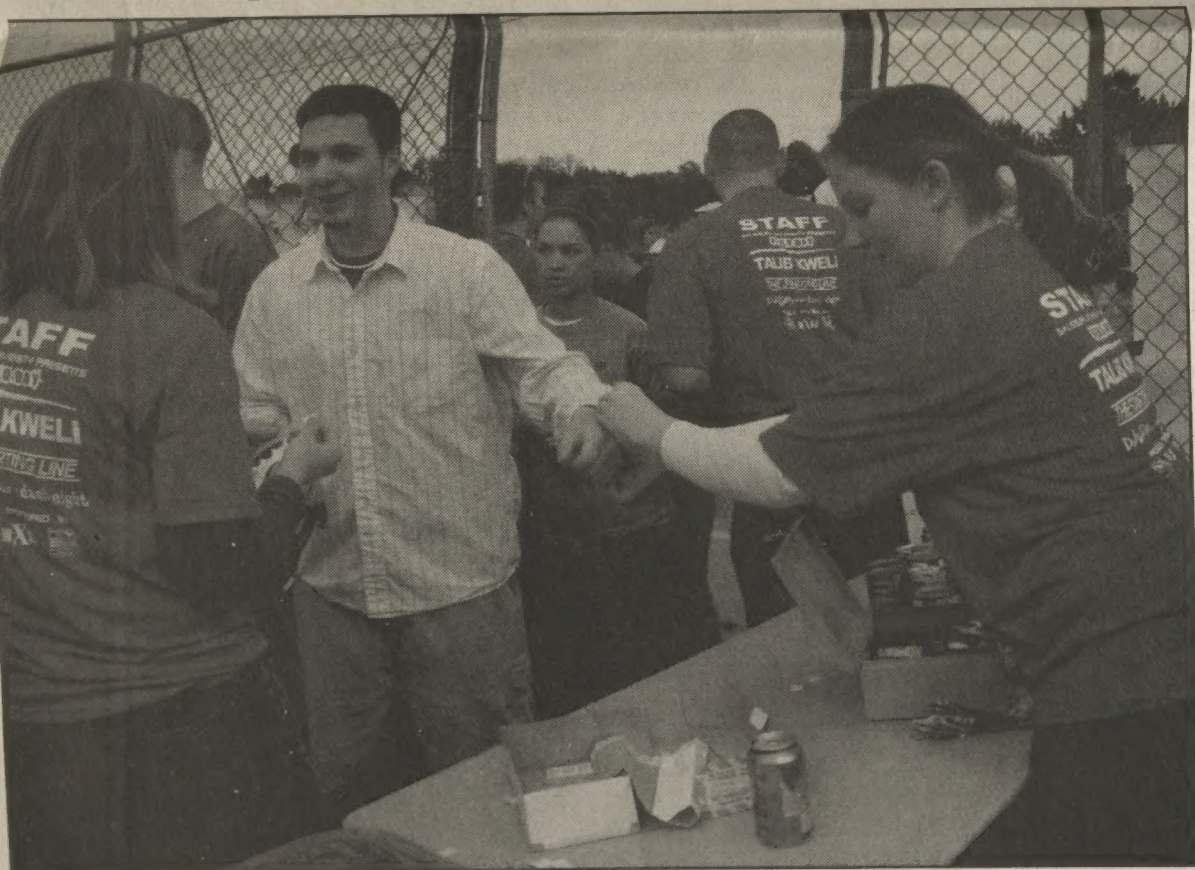
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Field Day 13 packs athletic field

After much debate on location, Field Day 13 moved back to SU's intramural fields. Over 2,000 students gathered to hear the venue of artists decided on earlier in the semester, paying admittance with a canned food or dollar donation. Students from UMES provided security at the gates, while a host of SU students, organized by Director of Student Activities Heather Holmes and graduate assistant Rohry Flood, provided manpower for inside security, t-shirt sales, band hospitality and set-up. Enforcing a no-alcohol policy turned out to be easy for the SU campus police, as students seemed more eager to rock than to drink.



Students received green wristbands which allowed them to re-enter the concert area as necessary.



Talib Kweli, the headliner for Field Day 13, put on an amazing performance that had the entire audience with their hands in the air and dancing.



The VIV, an young group from Philadelphia, performed an energetic set that had students dancing, yelling and clapping.

All photos courtesy of Jane Bratten, Student Publications Coordinator.



Just a glimpse of the enthusiastic crowd at Field Day after seeing performances from Viv, Dash Eight, The Starting Line and Talib Kweli.

Arts&Entertainment

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SU seniors exhibit art in annual show

By Abby Smith

Staff Writer

Described by Salisbury University as "Fresh and innovative artwork from the class of 2005", the 32nd Annual Spring Senior Art Exhibition held its official opening this past Friday.

Representing the culmination of four years of work and creativity, SU's Senior Art Show exhibits the works of 31 Salisbury University senior art majors.

Held in Fulton Hall's gallery, the annual show allows the seniors a forum in which they are able to show the campus and community their talents, while at the same time experiencing what it is like to be involved in a professional art show.

The mediums used in the pieces in the show range from painting and photography, to ceramic and glass. Jennifer Noell, who had four photographs being exhibited, spoke of the importance of the show.

"I think it's great. I really had not been in any shows until this year. It's great to show what everyone as a whole has done," says Noell, who was also a member of the Communication Committee for the exhibit, said she learned a great deal about the logistics of putting



The Senior Art Exhibit opened in Fulton Hall this week, showcasing final projects and series of some of Salisbury's BFA majors.

an art show together.

"It's made me think about going into museum work" she said. "It's stressful, but rewarding."

The works ranged in style from the traditional to modern; black and white photographs, drawings and paintings to unusual Adobe Photoshop creations.

Exhibitor Erin Pardew commented on the diverse assortment of art by saying "There's a good variety...a lot of different stuff"

One Photoshop print, entitled

"Jesus Jackson", depicted a traditional picture of Jesus, with an image of pop-star Michael Jackson's face imposed over the head of Jesus.

Another exhibitor, Erin Bonsteel, submitted some of her cutting-edge paintings that were previously displayed in Cool Beans Cybercafe earlier in the semester.

Pardew says that she felt it was beneficial to the campus community and the senior artists to be able to have this type of show at

Salisbury. "We've worked hard for four years and a lot of people don't get to see what we do," she says.

The 32nd Annual Spring Senior Art Exhibition will be open until Saturday, May 14, 2005 at the gallery at Fulton Hall.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and noon - 4 p.m. on weekends.

Admission is free of charge and open to the public.

Classic summer movies

By Stephanie Sokerka

Staff Writer

What's one of the best ways to get into the mood for summer? Most people think it would be taking out their spring clothes, or eating some ice cream, but that's not the case. The best way to get in to the mood for summer is to watch a movie, not just any movie though, a classic summer movie that reminds us of those great summer moments.

There are certain summer movies that many guys and girls will instantly agree to be the perfect summer flick.

For example many females agree that Grease is the summer movie that gets them in the mood.

Sophomore Katherine Bandula says, "Without a doubt, Grease is definitely the greatest summer movie. Not only because of the movie's plot, but also because it reminds me of being home with my friends during the summer."

However guys had different variations of their favorite summer movie.

Sophomore Ronnie Larrimore stated without hesitation, "Oh that's an easy one, Endless Summer II, because it involves two broke kids like me traveling the world, and making the endless summer surfing, and seeing new places, and I want to do that someday."

Even though many students had

different opinions of their favorite summer movie, there was one common factor; all students proclaimed that these movies are something they can relate to.

For example, Sophomore John Broderick says, "Can't Hardly Wait is one of my favorite summer movies because it's about graduation and getting out of school for the break. It is also a movie that came out in the summer, so it is more enjoyable to watch then."

Sophomore Adam Cortner remembers his favorite summer movie as a childhood memory. He says, "The movie that definitely reminds me of summer is Airborne. It came on the Disney channel all

the time during the summer. I would always watch it when I was a little kid."

Salisbury University students definitely have interesting movie picks that take them back to those "summer days." However, each movie brings back a distinct memory for each student.

So in the next couple weeks don't go on a picnic to get in the summer mood rather drive over to the closest video store and pick out that perfect summer movie, which brings back those perfect and unforgettable summer nights.

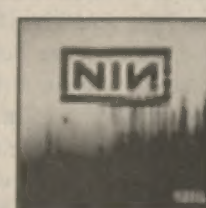


What's in the CD Player?

By Todd McElwee

Staff Writer

Nine Inch Nails - "With Teeth"



Remerging after a six year hiatus, Nine Inch Nails blazes back onto the music scene "With Teeth."

As would be expected, piloting the good ship NIN is frontman and principal songwriter Trent Reznor.

"With Teeth" continues the trend of Reznor's combination of introspective, emotional and rebellious lyrics strewn across a pulsating hard rock foundation. This being said, the moods, tempos and manners of the album's tracks range from the upbeat, hard-hitting current single "The Hand That Feeds" to the relatively tranquil jazz style of "All the Love in the World," and even the punk inspired "Getting Smaller."

Most songs are filled with punneling guitars jumbled together with elaborate keyboards and synthesizers, creating an, on occasion, unnatural, but constantly rhythmic sound.

As is the case with all NIN records, "With Teeth" is a glance into the thoughts and soul of its creator Trent Reznor.

Continuing on the success of their previous offerings, "With Teeth" is not meant for a conventional music or even rock fan. It along with other NIN records is aimed at a certain type of listener, one who may well reject traditional sounds, lyrics and concepts of music.

Not a classic like "The Downward Spiral," the album still illustrates the talent of Reznor and his band.

It earns a B+.

The Caesars - "Paper Tiger"



Following the old reliable practice of naming your casino, salad, pizza chain or, in this instance, band after the slain Roman leader, Swedish band The Caesars return to the states with their sophomore endeavor, "Paper Tigers."

Best known for their current single "Jerk It Out," which has gained widespread notoriety since being featured in the silhouette crammed

commercial for Apple's iPod Shuffle, "Paper Tigers" is not a reflection of the track.

Absent from most of the 13 selections is the instantly catchy, Zombie's esq. organ backbeat of the song, which actually was originally a part of their debut album.

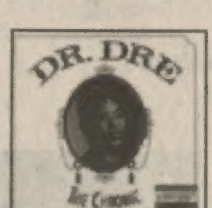
Replacing this is a style of singing and music in the resemblance of a heavier version of bands like Maroon 5 or Simple Plan.

Although not as bad as ABBA, "Paper Tigers" fails to live up to the promise of "Jerk It Out."

Not a complete squander, the album at times has a catchy quality that will later in the day, find you unconsciously humming a few bars of one of the songs.

It earns a C+.

Dr. Dre - "The Chronic"



Throughout the United States, it would prove a difficult prospect to find a person between the ages of 15 and 35 who does not instantaneously recognize the lyrics "One, two, three and to the four, Snoop Doggy Dogg and Dr. Dre are at the door."

The lyrics hail from "Nuthin' But a 'G' Thing" which can be found on one of rap's definitive albums, Dr. Dre's solo debut, "The Chronic."

After leaving NWA, Dre teamed up with a then anonymous rapper, Snoop Doggy Dogg and in 1992 released "The Chronic." Proving to be a huge success the record shot the careers of Dre and Snoop into the stratosphere.

The teaming of Dre's aggressive production and delivery, mixed with Snoop's laid back just about burnt out voice and rapping prompted songs such as "Nuthin' But a 'G' Thing" and "Let Me Ride" to instant rap, and in the case of "G" Thing, overall legendary status.

By mixing the messages of gangsta rap, with sexual innuendos and even humorous prank phone calls, "The Chronic" is a classic album in every sense of the word. It is an album whose audience and buyers included individuals who did not and still don't like rap to this day.

Dre and Snoop have gone onto fantastic careers as rappers, producers and in the case of Snoop, pornographer and even linguist. "The Chronic" is a reflection of their genius.

It earns an A+.

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Lying in wait: this year's summer Blockbusters The Flyer is now online!

By Justin Hennaut
ACE Editor

Each year, about this time, the public is bombarded with trailers of all the summer big bucks, big name blockbusters. Summer '05 looks to be one of the biggest and the best to date.

Undeniably the two biggest releases of the summer are the newest Steven Spielberg/Tom Cruise collaboration, "War of the Worlds," and the finale to the "Star Wars" saga "Episode III: Revenge of the Sith."

Being released alone on May 19, "Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith" finishes the over 30 year journey of George Lucas. Starring Ewan McGregor, Hayden Christensen, Natalie Portman, Ian McDiarmid and Samuel L. Jackson this final film shows the turn of Anakin Skywalker to Darth Vader and

the fate of the Old Republic.

The other big money movie of the summer is the 200 million dollar remake of H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds."

Starring Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning this film is the summer's "it" movie. Remaking a classic isn't easy but give Stephen Spielberg 200 million dollars and Hollywood's biggest actor and it will be a good try.

"Worlds" opens June 29. Another hugely talked about movie is the Angelina Jolie/Brad Pitt film "Mr. and Mrs. Smith."

Talked about more because of the romance reported between the two stars, this film is the story of two high profile assassins who are married but know nothing about each other. When their identity is compromised real marital problems arise.

"Mr. and Mrs. Smith" opens

June 10.

Funny man, Will Ferrell, has two films set for release this summer, "Kicking and Screaming," and "Bewitched."

"Kicking and Screaming" which opens everywhere May 13 is the story of a normal dad who decides to take the job as head coach of his son's struggling soccer team. Hilarity is sure to ensue as Ferrell gets a little obsessed with winning.

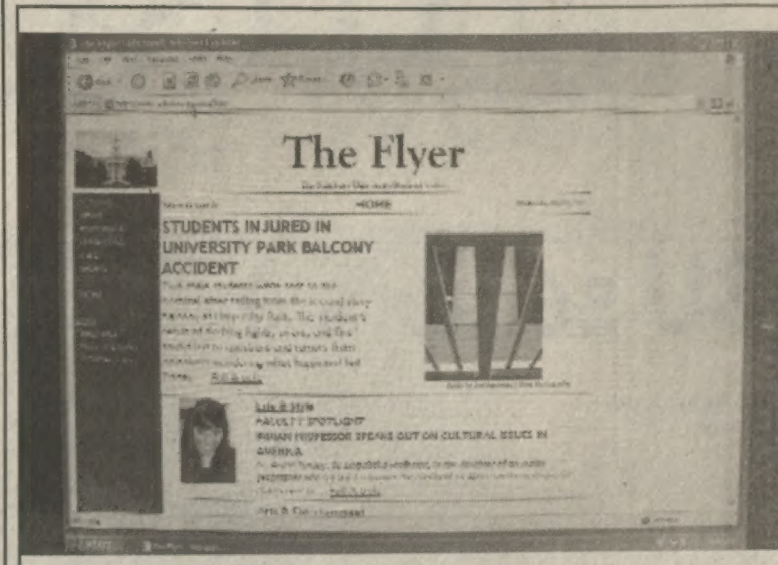
Due out June 24 is the remake of the television classic "Bewitched."

Starring Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell, this film is a modern take of the 50's sitcom "Bewitched." This time around it's behind the scenes as they cast and produce a new version of the show, only with a real life witch. Also being remade this summer are "Herbie," "Charlie and the

Chocolate Factory" and "Batman Begins."

Other notable summer releases include J-Lo's "Monster in Law," the screen adaptation to hugely successful book "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants," oscar worthy "Cinderella Man," special effects giant "Fantastic Four," kid friendly "Madagascar" and Mrs. Lachey's acting debut in "The Dukes of Hazard."

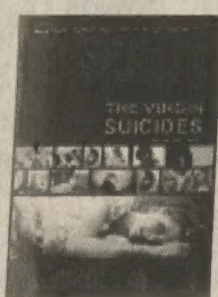
While school's out this summer make sure to head on over to the Cineplex and check out one of these summer blockbusters.



Didn't get a chance to grab an issue of The Flyer this week? The Flyer is now online! Visit www.salisbury.com/sufflyer to check out the latest stories.

"The Virgin Suicides" explores the pain of adolescence

By Erin Kraus
Staff Writer



Jeffrey Eugenides, author of "The Virgin Suicides" wasn't joking around when he chose the title for this novel. Just like it sounds, this book is about five adolescent sisters that all commit suicide, but it is also so much more than that. Although the five Lisbon sisters are what earned the title of the novel, what is perhaps more interesting than even

them are the neighborhood boys who are fascinated with them.

The story is set in Grosse Pointe, Michigan in the 70's. The Lisbon sisters: Therese, Bonnie, Mary, Lux, and Cecilia, live in suburbia with their religious mother and school-teacher father. The girls are young, attractive and mysterious, and the neighborhood boys are all in love with them.

At first it seems that the girls are just normal teenagers and the boys' fascination with them is just the typical adolescent crush, but then the youngest daughter, Cecilia, kills herself and throws the whole little town and, in particular, the boys' lives in turmoil.

The story is told from the viewpoint of the boys, and instead of the first-person "I," Eugenides uses a collective "we" voice. The boys are all interchangeable and the reader

can never be sure which boy is the speaker. They devote their time to trying to learn why Cecilia killed herself and what is going on in the heads of the Lisbon girls.

What makes this novel beautiful is that it so vividly expresses the confusion and the agony of adolescence.

Eugenides is often melodramatic, but then so is adolescence. Eugenides captures the desire for something that even the boys and the Lisbon girls do not completely understand.

About the novel he says, "If I were an emotion, I would be longing. That is a kind of human emotion that's very clear to me, and very strong from an early age, as perhaps it is in everyone. Certainly those are easy passages - or easier passages - for me to write. Virgin Suicides is almost one long longing."

This quote is a perfect description

of the novel. The boys seek to understand the sisters, and the girls long for a better life, and in the end (just as in life) not many questions are answered.

Those that aren't inclined towards reading may want to try the movie. Directed by Sofia Coppola, and starring Kirsten Dunst, Josh Hartnett, Kathleen Turner and James Woods, the film for the most part remains true to the plot and the theme.

The acting is also impressive; Kirsten Dunst particularly does a good job playing the promiscuous sister who seems to desperately want to connect with anyone.

Whichever medium the reader/viewer chooses, it is a beautiful story.

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Student Athlete Spotlight

Student-Athlete spotlight: B.J. Kittle

By Kevin Froehlich
Sports Editor

Known for his rifle of an arm and genius of a mind (he's the innovator of the game Snaps and a little something we like to call the I-Pod), B.J. Kittle is the starting catcher for the Sea Gull baseball team. So far this year he is batting .303 with five doubles, one home run and 17 RBI, but his greatest achievement occurred off the field when he decided one night at a party to consume his beverage from a five-gallon gasoline can. I caught Kittle at a urinal in the men's locker room for this exclusive interview.

B.J., does that stand for what I think it stands for?

Jeez, Froehlich, my mom is probably going to read this. Well, for all the guys it stands for William James. For the ladies, whatever you want it to be.

As an avid Sea Gull fan, from the stands I've noticed that in the catching position your rear end is much more firm this season than in years past. What have you done to improve your bum?

You're making me blush, you know that? I owe a lot of it to my jazz dance class I'm taking right now.

Matt Johnson has Van Helsing, mine is a tie between X-Men and Kate and Leopold, what is your favorite Hugh Jackman movie? Is it Someone Like You?

Swordfish.

Okay, it's Someone Like You.

You have a trademark "Kittle" call: arm swan-like in the air a la MJ in Game 6 of the '98 finals. You ever thought about using it in the bedroom and saying "Climax!"

Actually when I'm done climaxing I just yell "Kittle!"

Okay, like, so excited for Crush Party 2005?

(sarcastically) Yeah, I'm so pumped. DG's are the hottest sorority.

You live with the enigma known as Byroade. What's more disgusting: his McDonald's double cheeseburger-a-day habit, his curfewball, or him wrestling with Christine in his bed until 4 a.m.?

The wrestling isn't that bad until I can smell it. But I would have to say his curfewball.

What are your plans for after graduation?

I'm going back home to Southern Maryland and working at a baseball factory called Frozen Ropes. You may have heard of it.

Time's almost up. I got to reserve my copy of the first season of Johnny Zero on DVD, so one more: that jibag Tommy Lee didn't kill Dae Han at the conclusion of Best of the Best. I hated that ending. Didn't you?

What? (shakes head for a minute) I think it would've been better if that movie had never been released on video.



Laura Emmons/The Flyer

B.J. Kittle is the starting Catcher for the SU baseball team and thus far maintains a .303 batting average with five doubles, one homerun and 17 RBI's.

Potential, Expectations and Predictions

By Shawn Nisson
Staff Writer

The playoffs are nothing new this time of year for the Sea Gulls. With men's lacrosse about to make their 17th straight NCAA appearance, with the chance to win back to back championships, and women's lacrosse on their way to making their sixth NCAA appearance in the past seven years, both teams have playoff experience to spare. Baseball is about to make their sixth straight playoff appearance and softball is about to get their ninth straight invitation to the post season. Both teams possess the potential to do lots of damage in their respective tournaments.

No. 1-ranked men's lacrosse is once again the favorite to go all the way. The Gulls are riding a 45 game winning streak and are defending back to back national championships. They have held the number one ranking for 20 straight weeks and it should be no different at the end of the year with them holding yet another National Championship.

No. 1-ranked women's lacrosse team has their own 14 game winning streak. The Lady Gulls have been undefeated for the first time in the regular season. The Gulls should be able to improve on last year's fourth place finish, having their best shot at the title in recent years.

The third ranked softball team should see extended playoff action

in the region behind conference foe Mary Washington. They will be playing in the regional tournament later this month with the winner advancing to the national championship. The Gulls will most likely run into the wall that is the Mary Washington baseball team in the final of the regional tournament.

The Gulls have yet to beat that Mary Washington team this year, even though they have held leads until late in the game, they still have not been able to seal the deal. However, anything can happen and the Gulls possess the tools to enable them to take down the baseball giant of Mary Washington.

The third ranked softball team should see extended playoff action

this year. The Gulls have had a 19 game winning streak, along with a seven game streak of holding their opponents scoreless. The Gulls have only lost four games all season all of which by one run, and three out of the four losses have been in extra innings. This team possesses the talent to go deep and do some damage in the post season as long as they stay away from the one run ball games.

All four teams representing Salisbury University have a great opportunity ahead of them, to go deep and finish strong. All four teams have a good possibility of ending the season with a title being hoisted above their heads.

SU runs strong finish in Mason-Dixon Championships

By Noah Wood
Staff Writer

Wind and rain did not delay the opening of the Mason-Dixon Outdoor Track & Field Championships at the SU athletic complex on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7.

In the men's competition, Christopher Newport won with 209.50 points with Salisbury running a close second (177 points); Method finished third (128 points) and Frostburg trailed with 79.5 points. The women's competition ended with Christopher Newport first (190 points), Salisbury University second (155 points), Frostburg third (131 points), Catholic fourth (31 points) and Methodist fifth with 14 points.

Wind resistance and biting cold were obstacles that the Sea Gulls' hard work and strength overcame in the 10,000 meter run; the only event that took place on Friday evening.

Junior Scott Koehler won the event with 33:30.20, followed closely by teammate freshman Eric Graves with a personal best of 33:35.50 (Koehler also finished third in the 5,000 meter run with 15:52.66, and Graves took fifth in the same event with 16:03.41).

It's been a good four years and some great people, a great coach, and a great time," Shawhan said. "The 10K went well, the 5K not so well."

Two freshmen women had an impressive showing in the 10,000 meter run. Zuzka O'Zwoldike was runner-up with a time of 43:10.60, in addition to placing fourth in the 5,000 meter run with 20:34.36, while Jessica Morris took fourth with 46:41.10.

Saturday brought warmer weather and two school records. Junior Will Murdoch won the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a new school record of 9:28.78, beating last week's record that he set at 9:29.87. (Murdoch also placed fourth in the 5,000 meter run with 15:54.99.)

Freshman Casey McNerny won the women's 1,500 meter dash with a new school record of 4:47.84, breaking her old record by several seconds. McNerny took third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:28.72.

Other awesome performances from the SU men include freshman Joe Collinson (fourth in the pole vault with a large personal best height of 12'6"); senior Brandon Fields (first in the discus throw with a distance of 139'09" and fifth in the hammer throw with 123'01"); junior Daryl Lee (second in the 800 meter run with a time of 1:55.64); freshman Zach Reiser (second in the 400 meter hurdles with 1:00.69 and fifth in the 110 meter high hurdles with 16.50); Tim Robinson (first in the javelin throw with 166'04" and third in the

hammer throw with 133'03"); Marcus Times (first in the 200 meter dash with 22.40, third in the 100 meter dash with 11.30); sophomore Matt Walenciak (third in the 1500 meter run with 4:18.92); freshman Colton Vander Vliet (first in the 400 meter hurdles with 58.18); sophomore Derrick Washington (third in the triple jump with 43'01.75, fourth in the 110 meter high hurdles with 15.69 and fifth in the long jump with 20'07.25"); the 4X100 meter relay team (second with 44.00 seconds), and the 4X400 meter relay team (composed of Daryl Lee, Colton Vander Vliet, freshman Roland Lane, and senior Enos Benbow were third with 3:27.71).

The women's hard training paid off in a great meet with impressive performances that included freshman Lauren DePaul (second in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 12:51.44), sophomore KC Gale (first in the shot put with 38'02", second in the discus throw with 114'05", second in the hammer throw with 136'08"), sophomore Ruth Hedrick (first in the 400 meter hurdles with 1:06.75, third in the 100 meter hurdles with 15.93), senior Melissa Lewis (second in the javelin throw with 103'03.50"), junior Jamie Reisinger (third in the 400 meter hurdles with 1:15.24), freshman Allison Sheridan (first in the discus throw with 125'09", fourth in the shot put with 33'08.25"), and fourth in the hammer throw with 127') sophomore Johanna Strohoff (third in the long jump with 15'04.50"), freshman Nicole Vivianore (fourth in the 400 meter hurdles with 1:18.65), the 4X100 meter relay team (third with 55.75), the 4X400 meter relay team (third with 4:21.09), freshman Alicia Canzane (ran a leg on the 4X100 meter relay team, third in the discus throw, and third in the 400 meter dash with 1:02.44).

"A great way to end our regular season, especially for our seniors, competing at home, especially against top competition," said head coach Jim Jones. "I was really pleased with the two school records we had today. It shows that even on a windy day, that they are still a bunch of competitors."

The Mason-Dixon Championship is the last meet of the season for most of the Sea Gulls and for assistant coach Andrew Marrocco. "Both the men's and women's teams had a shot at winning the meet," said Marrocco. "They fought hard and strong, and did the best they could today."

Coach Jim Jones is taking a sabbatical from the team to compete at the Tuppern Twilight Invitational at Villanova, hoping to qualify for the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Waverly, IA.

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Murdoch hurdles over competition and into the record books

By Aaron Boker
Staff Writer

Junior Will Murdoch from Bel Air, Maryland is on a roll for the men's track team, breaking the school record in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 9:27.87 at Penn Relays. This marks the fourth straight week Murdoch has broken that record, which started with his first place finish at the Delaware Invitational. Murdoch helped lead Salisbury two straight Capital Athletic Conference titles and plans to keep up the success.

How did you first get interested in track?

I used to play soccer a lot and I was always pretty fast so it just seemed to go together.

What do you do the night before a big track meet?

I usually just try to take it easy and get rested up, but my roommate Himmer usually stumbles back home drunk around two and keeps me up for a while.

Explain what the steeplechase is for those who don't follow track?

The race is a little less than two miles and you jump over these wooden barriers. There are five barriers every lap and one of them has a water pit after it that you jump over.

How are you able to multi-task when it comes to running a long distance while jumping over steeples? Some people can't even walk and chew gum at the same time.

The steeples just make the race more exciting and kind of take your mind off running the distance. The water jumps are classic because the whole crowd will gather around it and wait for people to fall in, which they always do.

Last week at Penn Relays marked the fourth straight week you broke your personal and the school record for the 3,000 meter steeplechase. What's got

you in this groove Mr. Fresh Prince of Bel Air?

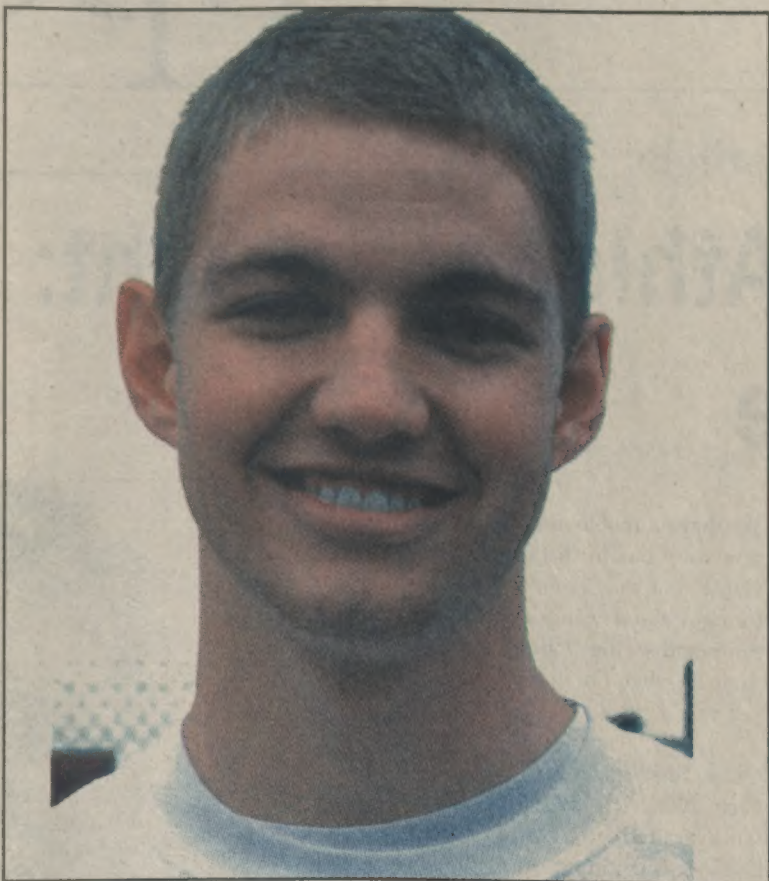
Haha, I don't really know what it is, probably a combination of good competition and changing the workouts to get ready for bigger meets.

Describe the feeling of helping the men's track team win two CAC Championships?

It was great to contribute to the team and I definitely want to go for a third, but I was really proud of guys like Tristan, Derrick, Tim and the seniors that scored tons of points and really helped us destroy Mary Wash. One of the best moments was watching Derwiler in the 400 hurdles: it was priceless.

Any thoughts of the NCAA's with them coming up in the end of the month?

I'm six seconds away from a qualifier right now so I'm really trying to focus and get a time at Villanova next week in order to try and go. Tim Robinson, our



Alex Sidel/The Flyer

Will Murdock has broken the school record for the 3000 meter steeplechase four straight weeks in a row.

javelin thrower already qualified so I'd like to make the trip out there, too.

If you could race one on one with anyone, who would you choose and why?

Probably Lance Armstrong because he's a beast.

What do you do to stay out of trouble when you aren't running track?

I'm usually saving abused puppies and helping to feed the homeless, either that or trying to keep Brad Ellis out of trouble

Any plans for when your college days are over?

I think I'll stick around for grad school and be an assistant coach for a bit.

Even Rocky had to move on at some point

By Jeff Mizia
Staff Writer

Every great athlete must step down at some point, and believe it or not so many sports writer as they move on to new destinations. Well, ladies and gentlemen, the time has come. No, O.J. Simpson and Kobe Bryant haven't finally admitted they're guilty, but the time for the Miz has come to an end. While many might be very happy by this fact, particularly diehard "Deadskins" fans, there is still one more opportunity to ramble on about various issues in sports as well as predictions for the year ahead.

My biggest question about sports is when will Pete Rose ever get into Cooperstown? The time must come soon as leaving out one of the greatest players of all-time is just not right. Furthermore, how can you leave out the man who basically invented the head first slide and the man who even ran over a catcher at home plate in the all-star game? Something must be done, even if it's a protest by those in the Hall them-

selves.

I don't care, put on the plaque that he gambled on baseball, but at least he didn't do several drugs and then still be allowed back into the majors like "Doc" Gooden. 4,256 hits and a .303 life time batting average sounds like Hall of Fame numbers to me.

It's never too early for some NFL predictions. The Patriots and Eagles still look to be the favorites, as neither has really lost much, but both have many issues to deal with before opening kickoff. The Patriots are going to have a very difficult time to repeat since they lost two of the league's best coordinators. The Eagles have contract situations to deal with, and they must get them worked out. Corey Simon, Brian Westbrook and T.O. all want new contracts, but at least "FredEx" was a non-invite to mini-camp.

The T.O. and/or Westbrook situation will work out, as both are too important to the offense. My preseason playoff teams for the AFC are the Patriots, Ravens, Colts, Raiders,

and then the Chargers and Bengals to represent as wildcards. In the NFC it will be the Eagles, Vikings, Falcons, Cardinals as divisional winners, and then the Panthers and Seahawks to wrap it up. Look for another great defense versus offense match-up in Super Bowl XL with Peyton finally reaching the Super Bowl only to face the blitzing Eagles defense.

Baseball has been rolling along just fine thus far, especially since the Yankees are seriously struggling. Locals are happy as the O's are looking great and playoff fever is very realistic with their monster line-up.

The Cardinals look to be a favorite to reach the World Series with their great start, while the "Fightin' Phils" need serious help all around. Chicago fans are happy, but it's not the Cubbies. However, Derek Lee is leading in all Triple Crown categories, while Miguel Tejada is already above 30 RBI's and is my MVP thus far in the AL and in the NL it's up for grabs because of great team play.

Dontrelle Willis' great performance thus far is the reason why I'm sticking with my Marlins/Angels World Series and by that time who else is going to be tested positive for steroids?

Boxing must make some type of comeback, so Tyson stop playing with your pigeons and come out and fight because we all want to see you bite another ear off or talk about someone's children; and for the record, I'm a big Tyson fan.

Tiger Woods will prove why he's the best as he'll hold up at least one more major trophy before year's end, and man the NHL must do something because it's making the NBA playoffs go that much slower. Oh yeah, for the record, it was a typo in the last issue. I meant to say the Heat and the Spurs in the finals, but it doesn't matter because Shaq will reign no matter what the Pistons have to say.

And if I can finish my time here with one word and one word only.....E-A-G-L-E-S-E-S-EAGLES!!

Cochell has gone out of control

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Last week, the head coach of the University of Oklahoma's baseball team, Larry Cochell, used the most derisive term possible to describe his African-American freshman phenom, Joe Dunigan III. The irony of Cochell's eyebrow-raising comments is that he was attempting to praise the prospect outfielder for staying in school.

Cochell, for whatever reason decided to tell Gary Thorne of ESPN that the freshman outfielder had "no n—r in him." It is presumable that Cochell felt that his backstage use of the N-word to a white reporter would somehow be casually shrugged off. Contrary to Cochell's comfort-zone, Thorne came forward with the allegations.

One week later, everybody and their brother has stepped up to the plate and weighed in with their opinions of racism and its presence within the context of Cochell's comments.

The Dunigan family has forgiven Cochell as well as Charles Caufield, the father of the only other black

player on Oklahoma's roster. Caufield added that firing Cochell would be the wrong thing to do.

Cochell, not once, but twice used the derisive epithet in conversations with Kyle Peterson and Thorne. After the allegations were brought forward, Cochell claimed that he had never before used that word, adding "it just came out." Last Sunday Cochell resigned his post at OU, five days after the Dunigan comments were made.

No matter the level of consciousness, people can espouse racism even if they do not aim to do so. Racism has existed for thousands of years and will continue to exist.

The question remains: does this situation make Cochell a racist?

The answer is debatable. However, the use of such an epithet by a white man is categorically unacceptable. Clearly, Oklahoma needed to take certain measures in righting Cochell's crucial wrong doing. It is the university's hope that Cochell's resignation would erase the penciled-in stigma left by its ball coach.

Frequently cases like this, involving issues of race, are lose-lose situa-

tions. In this case, UO loses a great baseball coach that won a world series during a successful 14-year tenure. In addition, Cochell's comments serve as yet another reminder that racial prejudice is very much alive in this country. More specifically to this story, issues of race are ever-present in the world of sports.

Was it not Dusty Baker, the black manager of the Chicago Cubs, who once claimed that he liked to play his black players more in games involving sweltering heat because his white players would fatigue more readily than their African-American counterparts? Baker would later defend his mini theory on evolution by claiming that black players are more conditioned to extremely hot temperatures than white players.

Some laughed at Baker's ridiculous comments while others raised eyebrows. Nonetheless, Baker's remarks were inconsequential with regards to any type of punishment by the Cubs or Major League Baseball.

The Kobe Bryant trial and O.J. Simpson trials are prime examples of major news events involving racial

themes. Though race was not the principal lead of these two, without question it had an overshadowing presence. But as history demonstrates, a lot of progress has been made in stomping out racial injustice.

Was it not Jesse Owens that single handedly deflated the hot-headed Fuhrer and his ideologically-powered German track team in the Munich games? And what about Jackie Robinson who withstood death threats and hatred while he broke MLB's color line with the Brooklyn Dodgers?

Both were immeasurably significant events that battled issues of race head-on. And while Owens and Robinson's feats are considered GIANT steps forward in the fight against racial malice in sports and society, comments like those made by Cochell serves as a small step in the opposite direction. Unfortunately, it seems that the few giant steps that have been made, are being made, or will be made, are consistently offset and/or outnum-bered by these smaller steps backward.



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